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Dear Mr. Weisberg,

Thank you for your letter of the 14th and your warning about David Lifton. I had received a similar letter from Gary last week, and, consequently, when I wrote to Lifton, I was careful to mention only Paul Hoch, with whom Lifton is on good terms (according to Gary).

I don't know if Lifton will want to tell me anything, but perhaps he will, since Paul said that I should write to him--I don't think Paul would have suggested contacting him if there were no possible hope of getting him to tell me what he knows.

I know what you mean about the necessity of going to primary sources and not trusting the interpretations of others. I am presently studying for a doctorate in American history, and I am frequently amazed by the ridiculous interpretations that some so-called historians have given to various events. With the Kilgallen material, I think the most important thing (for the present, anyway) is to establish conclusively just when she made that threat to "crack the case," and what her actual words were. I have heard this story repeated as rumor from many different sources, but I have never heard or seen it authoritatively documented. Perhaps Lifton will be able to help out here. I have carefully checked the available back issues of the New York papers, which covered her death in great detail. All the stories mentioned her interest in Ruby, and her connection with the case, but never once did I find any reference to this threat. I really feel that these words must be conclusively established before anything else is done; otherwise, we might just be building a theory on a rumor.

Gary told me that someone he knows recently had dinner with George Senator in Dallas--so, apparently, Senator never "fled" from there; he probably just ~~XXXX~~ went back to Gloversville for ~~XXXXXXX~~ rather ordinary reasons. Gary has asked me to hold off for now on contacting Mort Seder, Senator's friend in Gloversville, but he may have me contact him later. Gloversville is less than an hour's ride from here, so I would hope to be able to see Seder personally.

I'll let you know when (and if) I hear from Lifton.

Sincerely,
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